

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

Richard Gibson, and Heriberto Valiente,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

MGM Resorts International, et al.

Defendant(s).

Case # 2:23-cv-00140

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE
IN THIS CASE ONLY BY
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED
TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT
AND DESIGNATION OF
LOCAL COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

Rio Pierce, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:
(name of petitioner)

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP
(firm name)

with offices at 715 Hearst Ave, Suite 300,
(street address)

Berkeley, California, 94710,
(city) (state) (zip code)

(510) 725-3000, riop@hbsslaw.com,
(area code + telephone number) (Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

Richard Gibson and Heriberto Valiente to provide legal representation in connection with
[client(s)]

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

3. That since 7/18/2014, Petitioner has been and presently is a
 (date)
 member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of California
 (state)
 where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or
 from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular
 possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying
 the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District
 Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts
 of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good
 standing of the bars of said Courts.

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
Central District of California	02/20/2015	298297
Northern District of California	10/28/2021	298297
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	02/05/2021	n/a
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit	11/30/2022	n/a
Colorado District Court	11/21/2022	n/a

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner,
 nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory
 or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or
 disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

None.

6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars if ever denied admission):

None.

7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

None.

8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
	None.		Denied
			Denied
			Denied
			Denied
			Denied

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court
FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

STATE OF California }
COUNTY OF Oakland }

Rio Pierce

Petitioner's signature

Rio Pierce, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That the foregoing statements are true.

Rio Pierce

Petitioner's signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

6th day of February, 2023.

see attached notary certificate

[Signature]

Notary Public or Clerk of Court

**DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO
THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate Adam Ellis,
(name of local counsel)
Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of said designated Nevada counsel is:

300 South Fourth Street, Suite 710

(street address)

Las Vegas

(city)

Nevada

(state)

89101

(zip code)

(702) 560-5520

(area code + telephone number)

aellis@psbr.law

(Email address)

By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations binding on all of us.

APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL

The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) Adam Ellis as
(name of local counsel)
his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.

DocuSigned by:

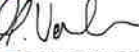


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(party's signature)

Richard Gibson

(type or print party name, title)



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(party's signature)

Heriberto Valiente

(type or print party name, title)

CONSENT OF DESIGNEE

The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.



Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature

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Bar number

aellis@psbr.law

Email address

APPROVED:

Dated: this _____ day of _____, 20__.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

CALIFORNIA JURAT CERTIFICATE

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of Alameda

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 6th day of February
20 23, by Rio Pierce

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL.



Signature of Notary Public



(Notary Seal)

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

The jurat contained within this document is in accordance with California law. Any affidavit subscribed and sworn to before a notary shall use the preceding wording or substantially similar wording pursuant to Civil Code sections 1189 and 8202. A jurat certificate cannot be affixed to a document sent by mail or otherwise delivered to a notary public, including electronic means, whereby the signer did not personally appear before the notary public, even if the signer is known by the notary public. The seal and signature cannot be affixed to a document without the correct notarial wording. As an additional option an affiant can produce an affidavit on the same document as the notarial certificate wording to eliminate the use of additional documentation.

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Verified Petition For Permission
To Revoke (Title of document)
Number of Pages 1
Document Date 02/06/2023

(Additional Information)

CAPACITY CLAIMED BY SIGNER

☐ Individual
☐ Corporate Officer
☐ Partner
☐ Attorney-In-Fact
☐ Trustee
☐ Other: _____



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CERTIFICATE OF STANDING

January 30, 2023

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that according to the records of the State Bar, RIO SHAYE PIERCE, #298297 was admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Supreme Court of California on July 18, 2014 and has been since that date, and is at date hereof, an ACTIVE licensee of the State Bar of California; and that no recommendation for discipline for professional or other misconduct has ever been made by the Board of Trustees or a Disciplinary Board to the Supreme Court of the State of California.

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex C.", is written over a horizontal line.

Alex Calderon
Custodian of Records